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SUBJECT: TURKEY WILL COMPLY WITH UNSCR 1737

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Classified By: Maggie Nardi, Acting Political-Military Counselor, reasons 1.4 (b/d)

¶1. (C) We delivered reftel points on UN Security Council Resolution 1737 regarding Iran sanctions to Aziz Sevi, MFA Deputy Head of Section for Iran, on December 26, and left reftel paragraph 5 as a non-paper. Sevi told us that the MFA had completed a full translation into Turkish of the text of the resolution, including annexes, and was preparing to forward this to the office of the Prime Minister, as was standard practice. Sevi assured us that Turkey will comply with the terms of the resolution in full as it has with previous resolutions. He was not aware, he said, if the MFA planned to issue a statement regarding the resolution.

¶2. (U) Responding to journalists' questions about the resolution, Foreign Minister Gul reportedly stated that Turkey maintains hope for a diplomatic solution, and urged Iran to take the resolution seriously.

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